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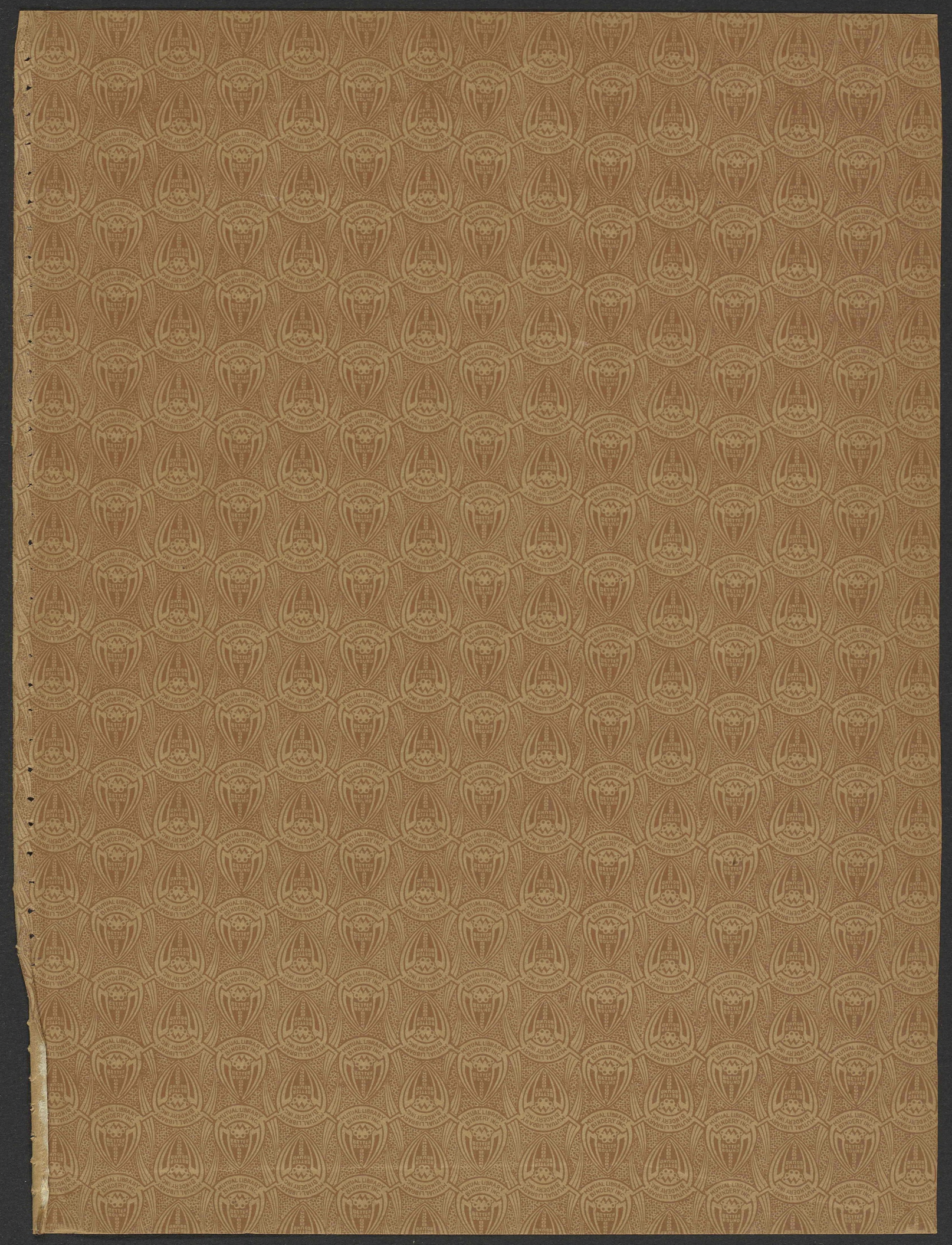
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Senator Root to Freshmen

At the opening chapel of the new term and year, United States Senator Elihu Root, '64, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, addressed the College on the invitation of President Stryker. He requires no introduction to such an audience, all of whom thrill with pride at his wonderful achievements, but Dr. Stryker could not forbear speaking a few words of appreciation. He had no hesitancy in saying that the College is more indebted to him than to any other individual. Speaking of the recent gift to the College in his honor, Dr. Stryker asserted that the College was rich in having such men as he which it might loan out at interest. His service to the country at large and to the College in particular as Trustee for 26 years have endeared him to all, and his words which are somewhat as follows were listened to with great attention.

"It is very difficult for a grown man, out of college for 45 years, to talk with students like you without being unreasonably didactic. But age should not stand in the way when there is work to be done. I see that many of you are well equipped for the most serious work in life. But for the true enjoyment of sport there should be a permanent background of serious work. When a man gives himself to to sport without this background, the sport loses its zest. The men who combine these two, service and play, are the men who receive the most benefit.

"You are living in the most delightful age, and that too, when you are making up for the parts you are to play on life's stage. I congratulate you on the wonderful prospect before you. Invention and science have contributed to the joy of living. They have made life more wonderful than it ever has been before. There are millions of men today who are wishing that they could live to see the things that you will see. You are just beginning to enter into life. It rests with you to see what part you will play in the movements of the world which are destined to be the most glorious ever seen. Don't sink into insignificance. and become a mere cipher. Good luck to you on your journey through college and through life."

Syracuse Wins

In a slow game marked by much fumbling, and in which both teams showed lack of practice, Syracuse defeated Hamilton in the Stadium at Syracuse, Saturday, by the score of 20-0. Both teams missed tackles repeatedly, and the Syracuse interference was much superior to that of our own team. The features of the game were Drummond's good kicking and McGovern's running back a punt thro a broken field 45 yards. The game was witnessed by about 3,000 spectators, and included in this number was a faithful Hamilton contingent, which showed their approval and encouragement of their representatives. The forward pass was tried four times and worked for gains but once. The game in detail was as follows:

Syracuse kicked to Wheeler, who caught the ball on Hamilton's five-yard line, fumbled and recovered. Drummond punted thirty yards to Scully, who ran the ball back eight yards. Hamilton held the Syracuse line and secured the ball on downs. Hamilton failed to gain and Drummond again punted to Waldron, who made a 20-yard run around right end. Syracuse made first down on line plunges and Camp scored the first touchdown. Anderson failed at his try for goal. Score: Syracuse 5, Hamilton 0. Drummond then kicked to the Syracuse 10-yard line. After the ball had changed hands twice without changing territory to any great extent the ball was punted to Hamilton's quarterback, McGovern, who ran the ball back to Hamilton's 40-yard line. Syracuse secured the ball but fumbled and Hamilton covered the ball in center field. Scully interrupted a forward pass and carried the ball back to Hamilton's 35-yard line. Anderson made a successful place kick from Hamilton's 20-yard line. Score: Syracuse 8, Hamilton 0. The half ended with the ball on Hamilton's 40-yard line in Hamilton's possessison.

At the opening of the second half Drummond kicked to Darby. Wolf punted to Hamilton's 45-yard line, and a punting contest between Drummond and Wolf ensued. Camp carried the ball over the line and Wolf kicked the goal. Score: Syracuse 14, Hamilton 0.

Drummond kicked off to Darby. Wolf punted to McGovern, who carried the ball to the center of the field. The ball fell to Syracuse and Waldron's being downed by Baldwin on Hamilton's 30-yard line averted another touchdown. Waldron received a punt and ran 55 yards for another touchdown. Wolf kicked the goal. Score, Syracuse 20, Hamilton 0. The half ended with the ball in the possession of Syracuse on Hamilton's 40-yard line.

The line-up and summary:

Hamilton.	Syracuse.
	Left End.
Burdick (Martin)	Barry (Capt) (Reidpath)
	Left Tackle
Fisk	Myers
	Left Guard
Glover (Capt.)	Twaddle (Thomas)
	Center
Baldwin	Anderson
	Right Guard
Wisehart	Hartman
	Right Tackle
Drummond	Reeves
	Right Half Back

Abbott .....Hinkey (Kirkpatrick)
Quarter Back
McGovern (Getman) .....Waldron
Left Half Mack
Harper (Knox) .....Scully
Right End
Sidle (Jones) .....Darby
Full Back
Wheeler ..... Camp

Referee—Hinkey, Yale. Umpire—Wright, Columbia. Field Judge—Southworth. Head linesman, Leigh Turner. Time of halves—10 and 15 minutes. Score—Syracuse 20, Hamilton 0.

HAMILTON 11, NORWICH 0.

Hamilton opened the football season Wednesday with an 11-0 victory over Norwich Academy. The contest proved a highly satisfactory practice game, Norwich being fast and nervy enough to show up the weakness of the Varsity. The latter evidently suffered from lack of previous scrimmage practice.

The Varsity line-up showed a majority of veterans. Capt. Glover, '10, played his usual strong game at guard, backing up the defense at every point. Baldwin has been shifted to center and with Wisehart at guard and Fiske and Drummond as the tackles, completes a formidable line. Abbott, who was unable to play last year, has come back at right end, while Burdick and Roberts, '13, took care of the opposite end. Behind the line Wheeler's shift to full-back, where he played an excellent game, was the main change. McGovern ran the team most of the game, and Getman, '10, completed it. Kultchar, '13, a promising man, played right half until Jones was sent in, and Sidle played his usual strong game at half. In the latter part of the game Harper took this position which seems better suited to him than quarterback.

Hamilton relied chiefly on line plunges by Sidle and Wheeler, while Norwich got off several long end runs, and two successful forward passes, taking advantage of the Varsity weakness at the ends of the line.

Coach Pryor expressed himself as satisfied with the work except that of the ends, and was especially pleased with Wheeler's showing at full. The game in detail follows:

Norwich kicked off to Hamilton, who defended the south goal. Sidle returned the ball about twenty-five yards, but after two plunges Drummond punted. Norwich gained by a successful double pass, but was unable to repeat and kicked. Sidle got away with a long run, followed by line plunges, which brought the ball to Norwich's 45-yard line. Here Drummond made a good try for a goal from the field but failed. Norwich put the ball in play on the 25-yard line, but was forced to kick. Hamilton gained steadily by line plunges till Sidle was shoved over for a touchdown. Drummond kicked a difficult goal. Score: Norwich 0, Hamilton 6.

Drummond kicked to Norwich. After another successful double pass she lost the ball on an attempted forward pass. Hamilton also failed on the same play, and the half ended with the ball on Norwich's 25 yard-line.

In the second half Jones replaced Kultchar at right half. Drummond kicked off. Norwich's first play was a successful forward pass, which gained almost 30 yards. They failed to gain further and were forced to kick. Following a series of plunges Hamilton was penalized five yards for being offside. An onside kick was covered by Norwich. Wisehart blocked an attempted punt, and on missing a forward pass, Norwich was penalized 15 yards. Norwich kicked from under her goal posts. The end covered the ball, but Norwich was forced to kick again. By successive line bucks Sidle was again pushed over the goal-line. Drummond missed the goal. Score: Norwich 0, Hamilton 11.

Getman was put in at quarter, Harper at left half, and Roberts at left end. Norwich upon receiving the kick-off was unable to gain, and kicked to Harper. Hamilton tried a forward pass, which Jones recovered after a fumble. Following a line buck by Wheeler time was called with the ball on Norwich's 45-yard line. Line-up:

Hamilton.		Norwich.
	Right End	
Abbott		Eaton (Capt.)
	Right Tackle	
Drummond		Atwood
	Right Guard	
Wisehart		Byrne
	Center	
Baldwin		Hannon
	Left Guard	
Glover (Capt.)		Beldon, Waite
	Left Tackle	
Fiske		Riley, Ivey
	Left End	
Burdick, Roberts		Slater
	Quarter Back	
McGovern, H. Getman		See
	Right Half Back	
Kultchar, Jones		Moulton
	Left Half Back	
Sidle, Harper		Ryan
	Full Back	
Wheeler		Grant

Referee, Drumomnd, '02; Umpire, Thomas, '09; Linesmen, McLean, '08, Waite and Ivey. Time of halves, 15 minutes.

TRACK

The call for Track Candidates should bring out, not every man who has worn a running shoe, but every man who possesses the patience and determination to win a place on a Hamilton team. Faithful practice and honest training count more than experience in Preparatory School. *The time to begin work is NOW.* Hamilton is handicapped by a late spring. Under these conditions light fall practice is absolutely necessary.

Men who wish to try distance running will find an opportunity to develop endurance and good form in the cross country runs.

Manager Martin has arranged two dual contests. There is a possibility of an intercollegiate meeting in November.

The date set for the Annual Fall Meet—a dual affair between the Sophomores and Freshmen—is Thursday, October 14th. This contest furnishes an inducement to every possible candidate for the Track team to test his ability.

We are in need of hurdlers. Daily practice in this event will be carried on during the fall. Captain Knox is able and willing to coach the new men for any event. *Come out and try now.*

—The try-out for the Glee Club will be held next Wednesday. Every man, who can sing, is urged and invited to give his name to Hastings, '10, or Sarles, '10, together with his part, before that time.

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To 1913 LIFE, for the College, extends a hearty greeting. We are glad to have you with us—sixty-nine strong. The opening days of College always mean much to every man of us—to some the last year of happy college days, to others more years still ahead, to others the opening of a new era. It is among the last that you Freshmen find yourself.. Yes, it truly is a new era for you, which we trust will prove a bettering of everything about you. It surely will bring many new and staunch friends—long to be remembered as the comrades of Hamilton days. It means an opportunity for moral, mental and physical development for every man—and such a chance should not be lost. Act as best you can, do your work well, and train your bodies by getting into college athletics. The College needs the help of every Freshman. There is not a man of you, but can do something to give Hamilton greater renown. And that should be the ambition of every one. Soon you will come to love the old Hill and all that is on it. You will, we trust, do all in your power to advance her interests. Then will you be truly Hamilton men.

PAINT NIGHT as an institution is all right, just so long as it does not slop over. The mutilation of the Arbor and the Campus memorials, which occurred last Wednesday evening, is beyond the pale of traditional law. There is no excuse for it. Especially when we notice that some of the defacement is of the color which usually dips from the sophomore brushes. That is worse still. Those men have been here a year and should know better.

Last year, it was the Monument at the top of Freshman Hill and this year the Arbor. Perhaps it was due to negligence on the part of the Upperclassmen in failing to warn the Freshmen, but more likely to thoughtlessness—that old and time-worn excuse—on the part of some of the new men. There is no use in "crying over spilt paint," but we can bear the fact in mind next fall, and prevent a repetition of this year's over-done decoration on the part of the underclassmen brush artists.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS which the Freshmen should learn—and now is the time to do it. Always greet every man with a hearty Hello—the traditional sign of Hamilton comradeship. It makes no difference whether you have met him or not. He is a Hamilton man—so are you. Then remember that in all things the upper classes have precedence, and it is your place to greet the men of these classes first. LIFE hopes that 1913 will bear this in mind.

BEFORE THE ELECTION OF Cheer Leaders for the coming year, LIFE has a scheme to suggest. This, it is hoped, will overcome the disorganization of the college cheering, which is noticed at the beginning of every year. And this fall is no different from those preceding it. The two cheer leaders in the past have always been Seniors, so that the college returns the next year with no one to organize and conduct the cheering. As a result Hamilton cheering is poor until the middle of the season.

The remedy appears to be this. Instead of electing two Seniors, choose a Senior and a Junior, the latter to conduct the cheering at the beginning of his Senior year. If such a plan were carried out, the opening of College would find a man at the head of the cheering whom the College would know and whose leadership it would recognize.

In addition, there is another fault we find with our present system. Generally the cheer leaders are elected for the most part on a basis of popularity. This is all wrong. Why should the candidates for these offices not try out for their positions in the same manner that prevails in other branches of college activity? The election should be delayed until after the Hobart game. Let every man, who cares to do so, try out. A week at practice and one game will show the ability or lack of it of every candidate. Then the election would be made on a basis of ability, of which the College would be the judge. Good cheering would begin at the first game instead of the last. LIFE submits this plan for the consideration of the College.

To the Editor of LIFE:

For the coming term, the work of the Press Association will be carried on by two Seniors, Engs and Renwick, who are endeavoring to solve the problems of making the organization efficient.

Suggestions are most welcome. At the beginning of next term, two Juniors and two Sophomores will be chosen to assist in the work. Two Freshmen will be elected in April.

As the organizaiton is not under Advisory Board control, accounts will be published at the close of each term by Treas. Engs. Through the generosity of the Alumni a little over twenty-five dollars was collected at Commencement.

R. RENWICK, Pres.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

Forecasts of the football season are like those of the weather, in that almost anything which may be said is liable to be more or less true. And as a discussion of a team's prospects is mainly a matter of opinion, any written articles dealing with that subject are of course subject to criticism.

But after two games of the schedule have already been played, it seems evident that this year's team is to be a

better one than has represented the Blue and Buff for some time past. The reason is not far to seek: a coach who is familiar with all the capabilities of his players from the experience he gained with them last season, a well arranged schedule, material which is more experienced than that of the previous year, and also heavier, all these things should work to make the season of 1909 a successful one for Hamilton's football team.

The game with Norwich High School served very well as a practice game to show some of the weaknesses of the present line-up. While a larger score would have been welcome nevertheless the fact that the team played consistently and won easily has its redeeming features.

The game with Syracuse on the other hand was something of a disappointment. The Hamilton players clearly lacked snap, and while it was not hoped that they would beat the heavy aggregation from Syracuse, it was expected that they would fight harder than they did. Syracuse's long gains off our tackles and the fact that one of the halfbacks was allowed to score on an 80-yard run through the whole Hamilton team showed the two glaring defects in the team at present. With new men playing at each end it is of course natural that the tackles should be handicapped, but Fiske in particular should be induced to get in the game harder. With his record of last year behind him it is expected that he will be a power in the line this season, but so far he has not struck his gait. The weakness in the tackling department will doubtless be remedied this week by consistent work with the dummy, and then things should look better.

The Syracuse game showed one serious defect. The team does not fight. Neither does it fight to gain every yard of ground possible, nor withstand every attack on its territory to the limit of every man's endurance. This contentious spirit is essential for successful football, and until it is developed the Varsity can not hope to bring victories to Hamilton. It is the one thing for which Hamilton teams have always been renowned. Weight and scientific playing count for nothing without it. A good coach, veteran material, a well arranged schedule there may be but one thing missing—the fighting spirit, so that when the team is defeated, it dies hard. It is up to every man.

As yet, the quarter back problem is by no means settled. McGovern and Getman are each playing well, with the odds slightly in favor of McGovern at present. Both men are light, and they have made some errors in judgment, but the College expects much of them, and it is hoped that they will be able to deliver the goods.

The ends are being cared for by new men, most conspicuous of whom are Burdick and Abbot. The latter is no new man on the varsity, but so far he has not played so well as when at half back he made a name for himself by his bulldog grit and dash. A little more aptitude in diagnosing plays will make him a valuable man there. Burdick is playing well but is lacking in experience. However he seems to be learning fast and that is encouraging.

Wheeler at full back is one of the surprises of the season, and apparently he will make good if he can protect himself from injury. He keeps his feet well going into the line and has a dash that should help to keep the back field on the jump. Of half back material there is a plenty, and this department of the team is in good shape. The line looks good except for the weaknesses already mentioned, the men being fairly heavy and fast, aggressive players. As soon as they get to playing together they will make a powerful offense and defense.

What seems to be the critical game of the season comes this week, when the team meets Hobart. Winning this game means that the team will be encouraged to go ahead and win some more, while a defeat would perhaps make the men downhearted. There is no denying the inspiriation which comes from defeating a worthy opponent. With the Colgate game following immediately the team will be forced to work to the limit to perfect their plays, but this should stand them in good stead, as excellent preparation for the Rochester game, to be played there on October 16. With the memory of the game with the Yellow, lost last year through erratic work, it is expected that the team will be able to go in this year and trim the Rochester crowd, although they have their old team all back and will play on their own field.

Wesleyan of course will be a hard game, for their team this year promises to be heavy and fact. St. Lawrence and Rutgers should not be anything but victories for Hamilton; and then Union is left as a climax of the season's work. This game will naturally be one of the closest on the schedule, but it is to be expected that Hamilton will win. Not many defeats have been received from Union on this campus, and it would be a bad precedent to establish. So with every confidence in the coach, the team, and the success of both, it is not at all out of reason to predict 1909 will be a glorious season.

1911 HAMILTONIAN BOARD

Just before College closed in June the 1911 *Hamiltonian* Board met and elected J. Harry Parry of Utica as Editor-in-chief, and William C. Westcott of Utica as Business Manager. The other members of the Board are M. Karl Wiseheart, and W. Thare Sheffield, Literary Editors, Harold F. Johnson, Art Editor, Walton B. Fawcett, George F. Gouge, and Theodore Peters, Advertising Managers. The publication will follow in general the lines of other similar books, but it will be the aim of the editors to produce something distinctive and original. The publication will be issued from the press the latter part of May, 1910.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION

This evening at seven-thirty o'clock the Y. M. C. A. will hold its annual reception for the Freshmen. Every one in College is urged to come, for this is an occasion where every class can get to know the other classes. The Freshmen specially should attend, for it is their first opportunity to learn of the spirit that lives on this Hill and to hear of the several ways to gain that same love for Hamilton. Dr. Stryker and Prof. Lewis will speak. They will be followed by Captain Glover, who will speak about the athletics of the College. The publications will be brought to the notice of the Freshmen by Cross, '10, Editor-in-chief of LIFE. After these speeches, refreshments will be served. It is a time to meet every one—so all come.

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RUSTIES VS. SLIMERS

Following in the footsteps of those who had left red and green hierogliphics behind them to blaze out the pathway to fame, the embryotic artists of the College, to the number of all the Sophomores and Freshmen, experienced the call of the artistic temperament last Wednesday evening. To be sure the brushes were all of a size, and the night was dark—a fact to which a Clinton connoisseur once attributed the crazy-quilt effect employed in the execution of his particular commission. However, all things considered, these same artists performed most creditably, and to the satisfaction of the judges. It is sad to relate that there was bitter rivalry between the two schools, and some were so carried away by their zeal for art that they overstepped the bounds of courtesy and took by main force what paint they had need of, urging the justice of their cause. A committee of arbitration was therefore called in and the dispute was for a time allayed. Because of this same artistic temperament, however, several Freshmen arose from downy beds and hied them unto Clinton that they might adorn fittingly the persons of some who served Bacchus rather than the chaste Clio. Nor did they rest until they had mightily prevailed.

After cheering on Aurora as she ushered in the morning—and to the great surprise of that dignified lady—these same artists shed their artistic temperaments and became warriors, jousting before the Chapel and the assembled multitude. The tourney was fast and furious, both sides striving mightily to prevail. The Freshmen showed of what stuff men are made and they were awarded the laurels that they might brouse upon them.

And speaking of browsing, they gathered grass. Not for immediate use, as they threw it all away, tho to little avail, as the Sophomores won the three grass races, the three wrestling bouts, and the relay race. Colson, '11, acted as master of ceremonies, and he was ably assisted by "Uncle John," who told of his own prowess in the palmy days. Then the tug-of-war. No wonder the Freshmen won; for they had the alumni for ringers and the College and spectators for rooters. Great team work that.

The day was as perfect as might be. What would otherwise have been excellent sport was somewhat marred by the accident to Cross, '13, who had the misfortune to break his arm. Minor injuries were of course frequent: they were the "honor marks" of a glorious fray.

FRESHMAN LIFE COMPETITION

Beginning with the present week's issue, the Life competition for Freshmen will be open to all who care to try, and it is urged that this number may be as large as possible. The competition is in charge of the local editor and will be conducted on a strict basis of equality. Election will be strictly on merit, as it is the aim of the competition to find the men who are best fitted for the work of the publication. A meeting of the candidates will be held in No. 4 South at 1:30 tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon and it is especially urged that any who have even the remotest idea of entering the competition meet the local editor at that time and discuss the features of the work. Its many advantages must be apparent; the only noticeable drawback is that it will be work. That, however, should not stand in the way of a large attendance at the preliminary meeting. Come if you are at all interested.

THE BLUE BOOK

The 1910 *Blue Book* is duly in flower, much editorial enterprise being evident in a number of brave improvements, which on the whole make a better Handbook, although at least two innovations did not turn out as well as the projects promised. These are the cuts in tint, which are pallid and somewhat blurred, and the blue ink of the letter-press. Blue ink for Hamilton publications seems a happy thought, but printers know well the difficulty of securing a good blue tone for ordinary press work. The print of the 1910 Handbook is a menace to the eyesight of the reader.

These, however, are but details of execution, and reflect no discredit upon the Editorial Board. The perennial President's letter of welcome wears always a genial glow, despite the yearly changing of the numerals. Thinner paper and lighter cover adapts this book to the pocket better than its predecessors. A table of College customs, and a stirring incitement of new blood for the Football field, are welcome innovations; the reference pages have been invigorated thruout. There seems to be an increase in the advertising which speaks well for the activity of Colson and Clark. In short, the 1910 Handbook has, of course, a few faults, but in general is a very successful issue.

Any men in College who have not yet obtained a *Blue Book*, may procure the same of J. W. McNair.

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